

WOMAN'S WORLD.

MAKING THE BABY COMFORTABLE IN HOT WEATHER.

Woman's Meetings—Powder and Patches Again—The Summer Dining Room—The Harmfulness of Summer Girls—Keeping the House Cool.

The least word, like the least aid, is soonest needed. But this fact is of little assistance to a mother who is supposed to let her child to put on his little ones which in the sultry days will interest parent and child more than silk and farvelows.

For instance, everybody does not go to the seashore, and besides, baby can not go into the surf, and all country homes are not supplied with bathtub. Little baby can have a "whenever she goes," for he can be packed in mamma's trunk, and it will give the little one more enjoyment on a hot day than any other means can afford. A picture of



BABY'S BATHING.

this ideal bathing is here given, and it may interest many mothers to know that it is the invention of a trained nurse who has spent the greater part of her life in caring for infants, and who, therefore, understands what is good for them.

The tub is made of pure white rubber, soft and pliable and perfectly free from wrinkles. A pretty frame of antique oak or cherry holds the tub, and a smooth, hard rubber faucet attached to the bottom makes a convenient outlet for the water. Toilet pockets of rubber, daintily trimmed with ribbon, and a tiny pin cushion decorate one end of the tub, while the other end boasts a folding towel rack for holding baby's clothes.

For baby's sponge bath is provided a wicker washstand, tastefully trimmed, and fitted with a double sponge basin for hot and cold water, a toilet pitcher, powder box and soap dish.

Besides baby's cradle, which nowadays is of wicker draped with silk and point d'esprit, it must have an Egyptian basket to be carried in from house to room. A large hood protects the head from draft, and resting upon the downy pillow and tufted blankets the little one will often find its way to slumber land.—New York Tribune.

Women's Meetings.

Those of us who belong to clubs and societies—and what woman does not nowadays—are often struck with the "markable" waste of time in the meetings of women's boards and committees. It is not that the members are generally unimportant or two or three business-like members, of course, can always be counted on to arrive from ten minutes to half an hour late, but as the meetings continue without them they are the only ones that lose the time. No, the waste is in the number of hours spent in doing what might be thoroughly and completely done in half an hour, and only irrelevant suggestions, tedious discussions and useless business were ruled out. Why is it necessary for a committee meeting once a month and having several subcommittees to spend an entire morning from 10 to 1 o'clock discussing not only what has been done and what is to be done, but with infinite particularity, what might be done, what had better not be done and what other clubs in other circumstances find it wise to do? This is not a fancy picture. How often one hears the familiar dialogue between two women:

"You did not get to the meeting this morning."

"No, I knew it would take the whole morning, from breakfast to lunch, and I could not spare three hours of the best part of my day. What did you do?"

"Oh, about the same thing as usual. We heard committee reports, and the regular order of business, and, well, then Mrs. B—talked about some members (what she always says, you know), and we had a discussion as to when the dues ought to be paid."

"Why, we discussed it for about two months ago, and I told them it was settled."

"Yes, but we had it all over again this morning, and then that old subject, the routine of the assembly room, took up the rest of the time."

"That! Why, it was referred to the committee on rentals, with power to act, long ago!"

"It was all repeated this morning, anyway."

"What did the board decide?"

"Oh, they referred it back again to the committee on rentals, after all."

And so it goes. We spend precious time wastefully, lay ourselves open to criticism and accomplish no more—may, but as much as an hour of concentrated, clear, direct attention to business would effect.

It is all very well to say that congress, where there are no women, does very much the same sort of thing. It is each congressman's daily work, to which he must make all other occupations subservient, and besides, since women claim superiority, why not make beautiful object lesson right here in a field open to us all.—Harper's Bazar.

Powder and Patches Again.
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of their own hair to know that powdered hair is again to be in vogue—not, of course, for daily wear, but for dinners and all manner of dressy functions. The secret is one that women have always liked to emulate, and its appearance in 1897, together with a host of other revivals, will be hailed with delight.

Patches are, of course, the natural accompaniment of powdered hair, and they have not been forgotten. The lady whose white locks are powdered contrast by scattering half a dozen little black patches over her cheeks and brow. The effect is still further helped out if she chances to have dark eyes and eyebrows that are slender, dark curves. No French marquis of olden time could look daintier than the dame who manages her powder and patches aesthetically.

Women who have suffered from hair of that grizzly brown peculiar to American soil will rejoice in the opportunity to conceal their uninteresting locks beneath this pretty artificiality, while the woman whose hair gleams with peroxide there could be no more providential method of escaping from the thrall of her self inspired tresses. Plaided hair is trying to the most optimistic of beauties, and the peroxide that does not eventually produce plaid is rare.

Coliffures are of course suffering somewhat of a change, consequent to the introduction of powder and patches. Plaits or coils at the back of the head are not admissible, even the hair is powdered. The hair must be brought to the top, lightly coiled in a moderately high structure and the front hair waved and pouf-pouffed. A feature that particularly recommends this fashion is that it is almost universally becoming.—New York World.

The Summer Dining Room.

It is useless to put up screen doors at the entrances and at the windows to shut out flies if you invite them by the opening of the large glass chandeliers. It is just as easy to clean up the breakfast and dinner table and brush up the floor at once after the meal and darken the room with the shades of the chandeliers. The table must wait for those who are not punctual to their meals, it should be carefully covered with a square of chequered cloth and the room darkened. No hot foods or meats that will attract flies should stand in this way, but should be kept hot on a plate set in hot water, covered with an inverted bowl and left in the oven. If the habit of sitting down to the table punctually is insisted upon and the food of those who are late is set aside to keep warm without waiting for them, it will save the house from the presence of many flies and help to keep the routine of work in order.

The long nap and cleaning clothes are a fruitful cause of the presence of flies. The only garbage bucket that should be tolerated is a covered one. The buckets for this purpose are made of galvanized iron, with a cover. This bucket should be scrubbed out with soda and boiling water systematically on the inside and outside and thoroughly washed.

The sweet pea may be used as a lovely and fragrant screen against the ugliness which unfortunately is visible from many town windows. If you should have a long, narrow box and a simple trelliswork of ordinary wire or twine well pulverized and enriched earth with a small addition of sand, the sweet pea will flourish, provided there is not too much sunshine. The sweet pea vine is easily scorched, and if it does not die its beauty by too great exposure to the heat. It makes a beautiful window and a fragrant room, and if carefully treated it will provide plenty of blossoms for cutting.

A peculiarity of sweet peas is that the higher they are trained the more profusely they will bloom, and a constant succession of flowers is secured if all the fading blossoms are removed before they go to seed.—American Queen.

A Catholic Woman's College.
The first American Roman Catholic college for women is to be founded in Washington. Twenty acres of land near the Roman Catholic university have been purchased by the Sisters of Notre Dame, and they will build there a college for women under the auspices of the university. The new institution will be called Trinity college, and the first building will accommodate 100 students. The plans have been drawn up and within a month ground will be broken. No student under 18 years of age will be admitted. Cardinal Gibbons has given his warm approval of the project. The sisters expect to have the college completed and in full running order for the beginning of the school year in 1898.—New York Sun.

An Expert Mathematician.
Miss Lillian Pike of Arkansaw, a clerk at Washington in the office of the coast and geodetic survey, has just defeated the brightest young man in the office in a difficult mathematical examination. Secretary Gage needed an expert mathematician in the treasury, and the young man and woman were both applicants. To decide which should have the place he directed a difficult examination, in which Miss Pike got a percentage of 94 and the man 84. The young woman got the place.

Indian palampores are imported for summer use as portieres, for a valance or for a bedspread. They are also adapted for covering for chairs and ottomans and are brilliantly decorative, while they stand washing perfectly.

A new fan bag is very dainty. It is of the usual long and narrow shape, but pointed at the bottom, and is made of the softest green silk, upon which a light, spraying pattern is embroidered in old blue.

The request of many women to strike out the word "obey" in the marriage service has been refused by the United Brethren conference in Indiana.

One hundred and four young women were graduated from Vassar this year. It was the largest class in the history of the college.

There are eight chapters of colored King's Daughters in New York, and are doing a good work among colored people.

Keeping the House Cool.

"How best to keep the house cool in summer is a grave problem," writes Mrs. S. T. Rover in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. "During the hot months the house is much more livable if artificial heat can be cut down to the minimum."

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A Little Girl's Story.

Fairy stories are not entirely out of date. There is a little 13-year-old Brooklyn schoolgirl who writes them "out of her own head." The following is one of them as it was handed, very neatly written, to her teacher.

"Once on a time, as a fairy was walking along the roadside, she spied a seed just getting ready to sprout. She picked it up and carried it home to plant in her garden. She planted it with the most utmost care, as it was a seed that was found very rarely.

"She had not looked at it for a few days, and she thought she would go in the garden to see how it was growing. When she looked at it, it had grown so tall that she could hardly believe her eyes. It bore a beautiful pink flower, and when she went to smell it she heard a faint cry, and she stood on her tiptoes and looked in, and she saw a dear little baby, not more than an inch long. She took the little dwarf in her hands and carried it to her room, where she laid it in a bed of cotton. It was a most beautiful child, having dark blue eyes, golden curls on his head and pretty, rosy cheeks.

"The little boy grew to be 7 years old, when he was chosen to be 'king of the fairies.' Everybody loved him, as he was such a loving child. He lived to an old age, and at his death there was a great sorrow all over fairy land.

"The end."—New York Times.

A Throwing Stick.

The bushman of Australia has a way of throwing a long, straight spear that will appeal to some of our boys who are fond of outdoor sports. Each warrior carries as a part of his equipment a throwing stick very simply made. It is about 18 inches long and has a hook at the end, usually made from the root end of a young tree. Into this hook the bushman fits the end of his spear, and then, with two fingers around the spear

shank and two fingers and the thumb around the throwing stick, he is ready to make his throw. An expert bushman can hurl a spear several hundred yards in this way, often so accurately as to kill a bird on a distant limb.

An American boy could make such a thrower, using only his jackknife, and with it he could have a very amount of fun. The picture will show how the thrower is used.—Chicago Record.

A Little Girl's Poetry.

A little girl in Chicago has recently published a volume of verse, to be sold for charity. She was only 9 years old when she undertook this literary labor, or, as she says, "I talked it, and mamma wrote it down for me just as I talked it." In one story she tells how she phoid fever broke out among the fairies. When the fairy doctor came, he talked to the fairy godmother about mice and germs and "told her to boil the water." Then she, who was of an inquiring mind, asked if a hair was a sidewalk for a microbe. "Oh, no," said the doctor, "they are much smaller."

"But if the germ had the fever, persisted the godmother, 'why didn't the fever, which killed little boys and girls, kill the germ? And if the germ didn't have the fever how could it give the fever? How could a thing give a thing it didn't have?' This was too much for the fairy doctor, who could only answer, 'Nobody knows but God.' Later the child broke out into a fever and died.

The flower that bends down to the earth will soon go back to God.

But never again will it return to the earth as it was.

In an apparently much needed footnote the author explains that "this poem was caused into my head quick and sudden, doesn't make sense because the word 'plod,' which rhymes so nicely with God, doesn't mean what I want it to."

The Old Tin Sheep.

"Creak!" said the old tin sheep on wheels; "I'm growing old, and down my back I've a very sad and dreadful crack. There's nobody knows," said the old tin sheep, "fill in the old how an old tin sheep feels."

"I used to trundle about the floor: But that was when I was young and new. I've been rolling my string, and away I go. Stop, oh, stop!" cried the old tin sheep. "I never shall quiet rest myself on this shelf behind the door."

"Creak!" said the sheep; "what's gone amiss? Some one is taking me out, I know. I've been rolling my string, and away I go. Stop, oh, stop!" cried the old tin sheep. "I never shall quiet rest myself on this shelf behind the door."

But Tommy pulled the sheep around; About the nursery it went so fast. The floor beneath seemed flying past. While creakily-creaky-creaky the wheels went round with a doleful sound.

Then Tommy left it on its side; The wheels moved slowly and stopped with a creak. And the wax doll heard it faintly speak. "There's nobody knows what he can do," said the sheep. "All he has tried."

"Katharine Pyle in St. Nicholas.

Editor's Explanation.

Grandpa had a new thermometer, and the first time little Edith saw it she had many questions to ask about it, so we want to tell her about it.

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What She Said.

Mary was making with her mother's shoe of cake was given her. "Now what are you going to say to the lady?" asked the mother. "Is she dot any more?" said little Mary demurely.—Exchange.

Taking Precautions.

Dickie (to mother who is having a suit made for her boy)—Do you want the shoulders padded?

Little Boy—No, mamma; tell him to pad the pants.—Montreal Star.

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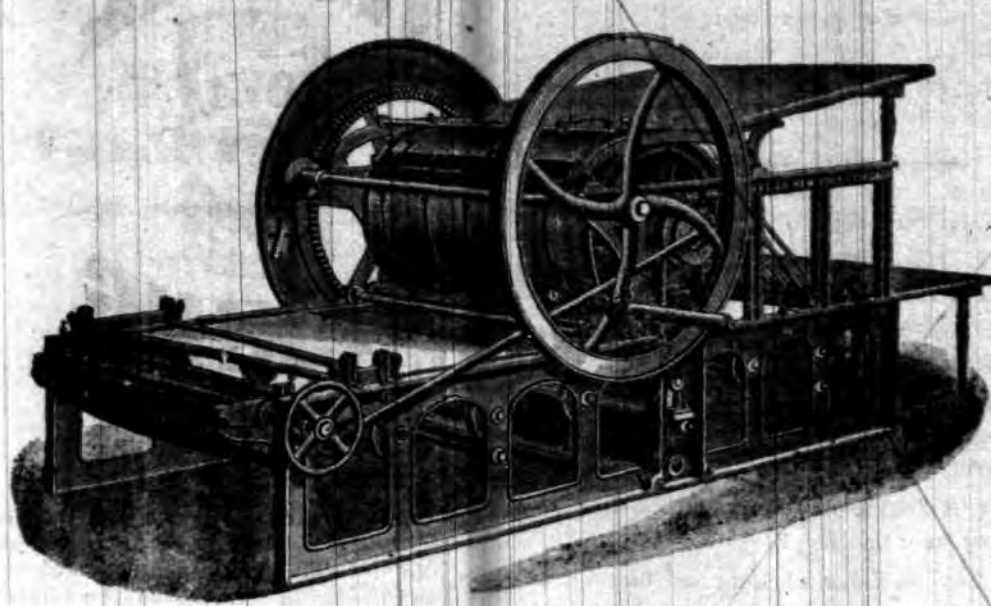
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